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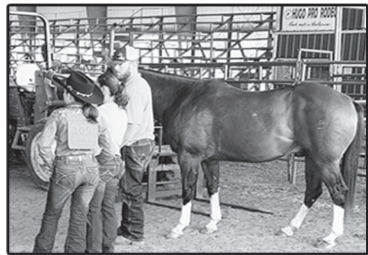
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# At The Corral Gate

Enola Gay

Remember way back when couples went to Hugo to get married? Just across the Oklahoma State line, you could get married at a younger age than Texas laws allowed, and with no parental consent necessary. Today, people go to the Hugo area to play the slots 'n tables at Choctaw Casino or pass that way to take the Indian Nations Turnpike northward. I went to Hugo last weekend with Garland for an old-fashioned horse event and nothing out there in the country has changed! People are still just as helpful and friendly as ever, and they still wave at you on the road, and say 'Please Ma'am' and 'Thank You' a lot. So refreshing!

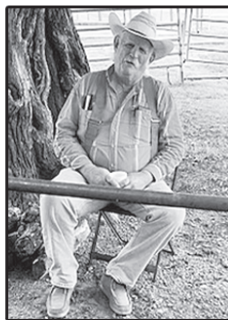
Cowboy Crossing Church was sponsor of the Horse Show and Ranch event, part of the Choctaw County Free Fair on September 11, 2020 inside the Todd Whatley/Lige Hammock Memorial Arena. The nice big covered arena is on the the Bill Grant Civic Center grounds. There were Halter Classes, Western Pleasure and Ranch Rail events and kids attractions. Mike Merrick was the arena announcer, and his wife helped open the event with a lovely rendition of The Star Spangled Banner. Mary Taylor helped us get the tack wagon in place and handled many other volunteer duties that day.



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Robert Buck, Chuck wagon cook

Bill Grant was from Grant, Texas near Hugo and grew up farming and cowboying and learning to play music. He was a musician and great entertainer, songwriter, guitar and mandolin player, storyteller, a lover of Indian lore and Western lifestyle, and a Christian. His music was his ministry. Springtime Bluegrass Festivals in Hugo and elsewhere were widely known and enjoyed for several decades and Bill earned a number of music-industry awards. When home, he was a regular in the band of the Cowboy Crossing Church and blessed all who came to worship until 2017 when his health began to go south. Bill passed away in 2019, and his widow Barbara Asbill Grant placed a unique headstone where he lies in Showman's Rest Cemetery in Hugo. The marker is truly a tribute to a well-lived life of service and a testimony to the humble man that he was. Everyone who ever met him loved Bill Grant. My new friend Buck wrote a poem for Bill's funeral. One of the dozen well-rhymed verses states,

"I leave it to the museums and Halls of Fame to record and award this great man. The greatness I recognize comes from within, the stuff that makes a man worth his sand". Amen, Buck!



Bill Grant, Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame

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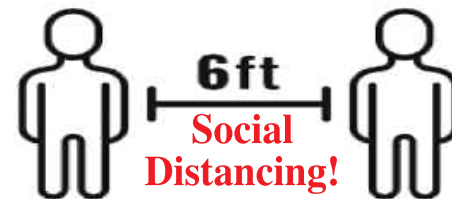


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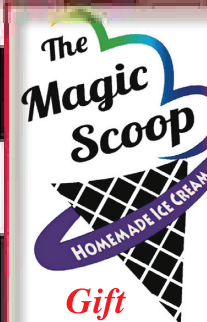
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### **Wanda Lou Goodson**

Funeral services for Wanda Lou Goodson, age 86, of Sulphur Springs will be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Mark Eckstrom officiating. Interment will follow at Restlawn Memorial Park with David Britton, Tommy Camp, Derb Goodman, Brandon Bates, Ronnie Bates and Tracy Giles serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers are Jarrod Kirkpatrick and Turk Morgan. A come and go visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at West Oaks Funeral Home.

Wanda passed away at her daughter's home on Saturday, September 12, 2020, surrounded by her loved ones. Wanda was born on August 10, 1934 in Sulphur Springs, the daughter of Walter Dixon and Ina Lea Bumpus Dixon. She married Joe Ed Goodson on December 23, 1950 in Sulphur Springs and he preceded her in death. Wanda was a longtime member of the Kingdom Hall Jehovah Witness. She loved to cook and spend time with her family. Her infectious laugh filled any room. She is survived by her daughter, Alisha Giles and her son Joe Ferrell Goodson and wife Sharon, all of Sulphur Springs, grandchildren, Wendy Lea Camp and husband Tommy and Jarrod Olin Kirkpatrick. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sister, Helen Ruth Bates, and son-in-law, Rickey Giles. Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. [www.westoaksfuneralhome.com](http://www.westoaksfuneralhome.com)



### **Lloyd Ray Duckworth**

Graveside services for Lloyd Ray Duckworth, age 82, of Sulphur Springs, were held at 11:30 Saturday, September 12, 2020, at Oaklawn Cemetery in Cooper with Bro. Neal Cochran officiating. Pallbearers were Michael Duckworth, Cecil Duckworth, William Dan Duckworth, Cecil Duckworth, Leslie Jackson, and Bradley Lane. Honorary pallbearer was Edith Jackson. Visitation was held from 10 to 11 a.m. at West Oaks Funeral Home prior to service.

Ray passed away on Saturday, September 5, 2020. He was born on January 28, 1938 in Charleston, the son of Lonnie Edward Duckworth and Rosa Lee Turner Duckworth. He worked as a welder for Gifford Hill for over 30 years. He was an avid fisherman and loved spending time with his family.

Ray is survived by sons, Michael Duckworth and Cindy Harris of Sulphur Springs, Cecil Duckworth and wife Cindy of Sulphur Springs; brothers, Troy Duckworth and Jesse Duckworth; sisters, Edith Jackson and Joyce Bulin; grandchildren, Cecil Duckworth, William Dan Duckworth, Mechell Haring, Ashley Blackard, Brittney Lane, Lauren Duckworth, Stormy Straight; and great-grandchildren, Payton and Parker Haring, Hannah, Landon, and Maddison Blackard, William Dan Duckworth, Logan Hill, Leah Lane, Ryan, Josh, and Brooklyn Straight, and Avery Duckworth.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Claude, Bill, and Doyle Duckworth.

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### **Sammie Maxine Carnes**

Sammie Maxine Wright Carnes of Lake Dallas, Texas, 97, passed away on September 10, 2020. Sammie was preceded in death by her parents, Sarah and Sam Houston Wright, and four siblings, Rose, Faula Mae, Margaret, and Paul, by her husband, Douglas Carnes; and three sons, Douglas Carnes, Jr., Tommy Carnes, and Larry Don Carnes.

She is survived by her daughter, Carolyn Robb of Dallas, Texas; and three grandchildren, Douglas Carnes III of Canyon Lake, Texas, Simon Spencer of Rohnert Park, California, and Michael Robb of Dallas, Texas.

She was born in Grandfield, Oklahoma, on May 5, 1923, and moved with her family to Sulphur Springs at the age of five.

She married her high school sweetheart Douglas Carnes in 1939, and they resided in Sulphur Springs until they relocated to Oak Cliff, Dallas in 1954.

A graveside service was held at Sulphur Springs City Cemetery at 11 on Monday, September 14. Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. [www.westoaksfuneralhome.com](http://www.westoaksfuneralhome.com)

### **Ronnie E. "Pappy" McDonald**

A service for Ronnie E. "Pappy" McDonald, age 84, of Cumby, will be held at a later date.

Mr. McDonald passed away on Monday, September 9, 2020 at his residence in Cumby. He was born on January 4, 1936 to James Fredrick McDonald and Mary Elizabeth Lum McDonald in Cumberland, Maryland. He married Rosalia Maureene Gafney in Maryland on June 4, 1960. Mr. McDonald was a teacher.

Survivors include: daughters: Karen Munson and Taresa Steward and husband Dick; 5 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

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## THE IDLE AMERICAN

### On the Matter of 'Making It'...

Commentary by Dr. Don Newbury

Wedged in my mind's recesses are these eight simple words: "If you can make it there, go back."

They're easy enough to understand, but application is a whole 'nuther thing.

These words captioned a cartoon a while back. It was drawn to warn folks relocating to New York City....

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Though probably not intended, the cartoon has a serious undertone that may apply to folks from anywhere--cities, towns or rural.

It suggests that grass probably isn't any greener on their side.

Do you remember when your grass was greenest?...

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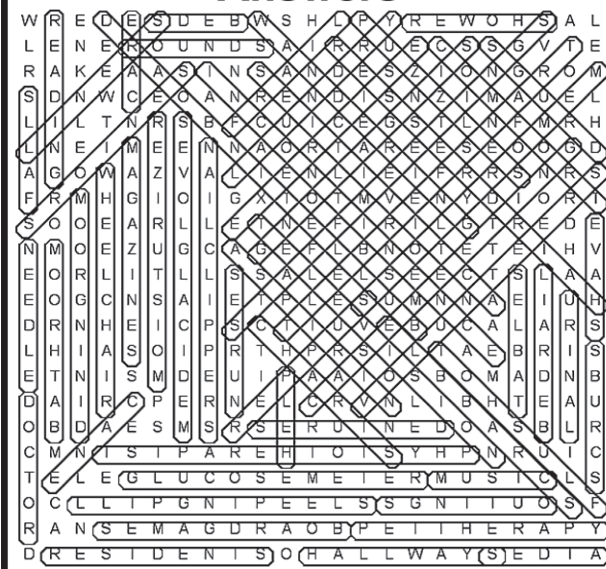
From a personal perspective--the point of view with which I'm most familiar--such a "magical" time was around 1950.

School days then were generally celebratory. World War II's bloody but successful victory was still on the minds of Americans, and we barely-teen kids were pretty good at "making

do" with what we had. We were "making it." Give us a pleasant 15-minute bus ride home--and a lay-out of peanut butter on crackers upon arrival--and we were set.

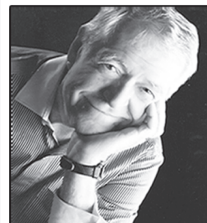
For the next two hours, we lived in make-believe, thanks to adventures provided on radio. We were eager to share ongoing joys and dangers provided by the likes of Bobby Benson and the B-Bar-B Riders, Sky King, The Shadow and Tom Mix. After all, Mom had enjoyed her two-hour spate of "serials" prior to our arrival.

## Answers



## A TOP TEN RUNNER

Tumbleweed Smith



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Running is like breathing to Dave Dial, who lives on the family ranch near the community of Grovetown, just outside of Crockett. In terms of lifetime running distance, Dave ranks number 9 and is moving up. He has run more than 203,000 miles. The top runner in lifetime miles is 85 years old and lives in California. He has run over 300,000 miles.

I had no idea there was even a running category for lifetime miles, nor did I know there was a ranking among the top 10. Only 10 people in the US have run more than

miles. Dave has been running since he was 5 and started keeping records at age 16 after getting acquainted with Running Magazine. He runs twice a day: 10 miles in the morning, 8 miles in the afternoon. He has not missed a day of running in 13 years and has the records to prove it. He keeps a notebook of his miles and puts down time, temperature, where he runs and how long it takes to run a mile.

"I usually run a mile in 7 or 8 minutes," says Dave. "In the morning that takes me about an hour and 15 minutes. The afternoon run takes just over an hour."

Although Dave gave away all his trophies and ribbons there is one record he is proud of. In his earlier days, he entered the Boston Marathon.

"When I was 19 I set a record that still stands for the junior class. That's for runners 20 years old and under. I ran it in 2 hours, 24 minutes and 18 seconds. That's averaging 5 and a half minutes per mile for 26.2 miles."

Dave turned 60 this summer. He weighs 130 pounds and stands just under 6 feet. He has planned his running schedule based on previous years. When he was 38 in 1998 he reached his first 100,000 miles. Here it is 22 years later and he has added another 100,000 plus miles. At that rate he'll reach 300,000 miles at the age of 82, He says he doesn't feel his age.

Skechers Sport Shoes provides running footwear for Dave. Prior to reaching his 200,000-mile mark Skechers made him a special pair of shoes with the number 200,000 on them. He was wearing them when he reached that milestone.

"I was really kind of depressed after that because that had been my goal for such a long time. So I thought I would reward myself. I bought myself some ice cream, something I hadn't tasted in 40 years."

Dave was a math major at Lamar University in Beaumont, then went into actuarial consulting and later coached track. He writes Haiku poetry because he likes the math required (5 syllables, 7 syllables, 5 syllables). He created this while running:

I seek shade-cloaked roads  
To fill them mile after mile  
With summer's footfalls.

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# Daughters of the American Revolution

## Began Celebration of the Constitution, Adopted 1956

The United States Constitution stands as a testament to the tenacity of Americans throughout history to maintain their liberties, freedoms and inalienable rights. This celebration of the Constitution was started by the Daughters of the American Revolution. In 1955, DAR petitioned Congress to set aside September 17-23 annually to be dedicated for the observance of Constitution Week. The resolution was later adopted by the U.S. Congress and signed into public law on August 2, 1956, by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. The DAR has also erected a structure that is built in tribute to the Constitution of the United States. DAR Constitution Hall, which is a performing arts center, opened in 1929.

The aims of the Constitution Week celebration are to: Emphasize citizens' responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution. Inform people that the Constitution is the basis for America's great heritage and the foundation for our way of life. Encourage the study of the historical events which led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787. Constitution Week is a great time to learn more about this important document and celebrate the freedoms it gave us. Get involved by encouraging young people to sign the Constitution Week Proclamation Pledge and ask your local community officials to issue a proclamation about Constitution Week.



September 13th

## UNCLE SAM DAY

On September 13th, the United States recognizes Uncle Sam Day. The day commemorates the man behind the iconic image. The fascinating nickname for the United States government was born on September 13, 1766. Sam Wilson, a meatpacker from New York, supplied barrels of meat to soldiers during the war of 1812. To identify the meat for shipment, Wilson prominently stamped "U.S." on the barrels. It wasn't long before the soldiers dubbed the grub a delivery from Uncle Sam. As such nicknames tend to do, its popularity spread.

The first illustration of Uncle Sam is unlike the one we know today. Published by Harper's Weekly in 1861, the young government representative (a starred bandana on his head and wearing a striped vest) is depicted dividing up Virginia like a butcher. Through the years, the image of Uncle Sam would take many forms. Credit is given to German-born illustrator and cartoonist Thomas Nast for developing the long-legged Uncle Sam we know today. With the starred top hat and striped pants, the Uncle Sam debut in Harper's Weekly, also. He took on many issues with Nast as his illustrator. Some of the issues topics included Boss Tweed, Union recruitment, and Reconstruction. During the modern era, Uncle Sam obtained some color. The United States Army awarded Montgomery Flagg with the artwork for the familiar portrait used in the "I Want You For The U.S. Army" campaign during World War I. It first appeared on the cover of Leslie's Weekly, an illustrated literary and news magazine.

## Star Spangled Banner Day

September 14th

On September 14, 1814, Francis Scott Key pens a poem which is later set to music and in 1931 becomes America's national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner." The poem, originally titled "The Defence of Fort M'Henry," was written after Key witnessed the Maryland fort being bombarded by the British during the War of 1812. Key was inspired by the sight of a lone U.S. flag still flying over Fort McHenry at daybreak, as reflected in the now-famous words of the "Star-Spangled Banner": "And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air, Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there."



Francis Scott Key was born on August 1, 1779, at Terra Rubra, his family's estate in Frederick County (now Carroll County), Maryland. He became a successful lawyer in Maryland and Washington, D.C., and was later appointed U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia.

On June 18, 1812, America declared war on Great Britain after a series of trade disagreements. In August 1814, British troops invaded Washington, D.C., and burned the White House, Capitol Building and Library of Congress. Their next target was Baltimore.

**FRANCIS SCOTT KEY**